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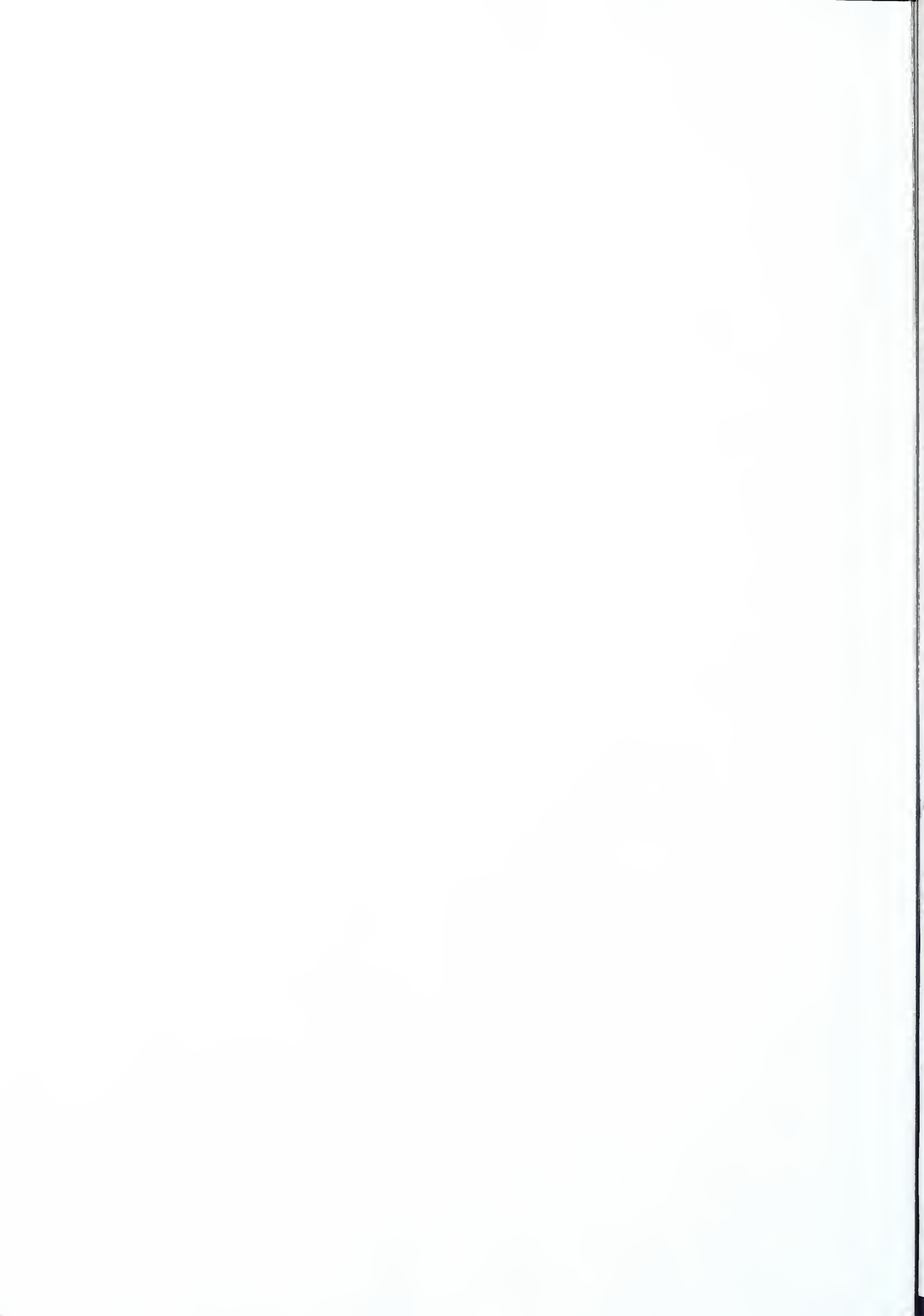
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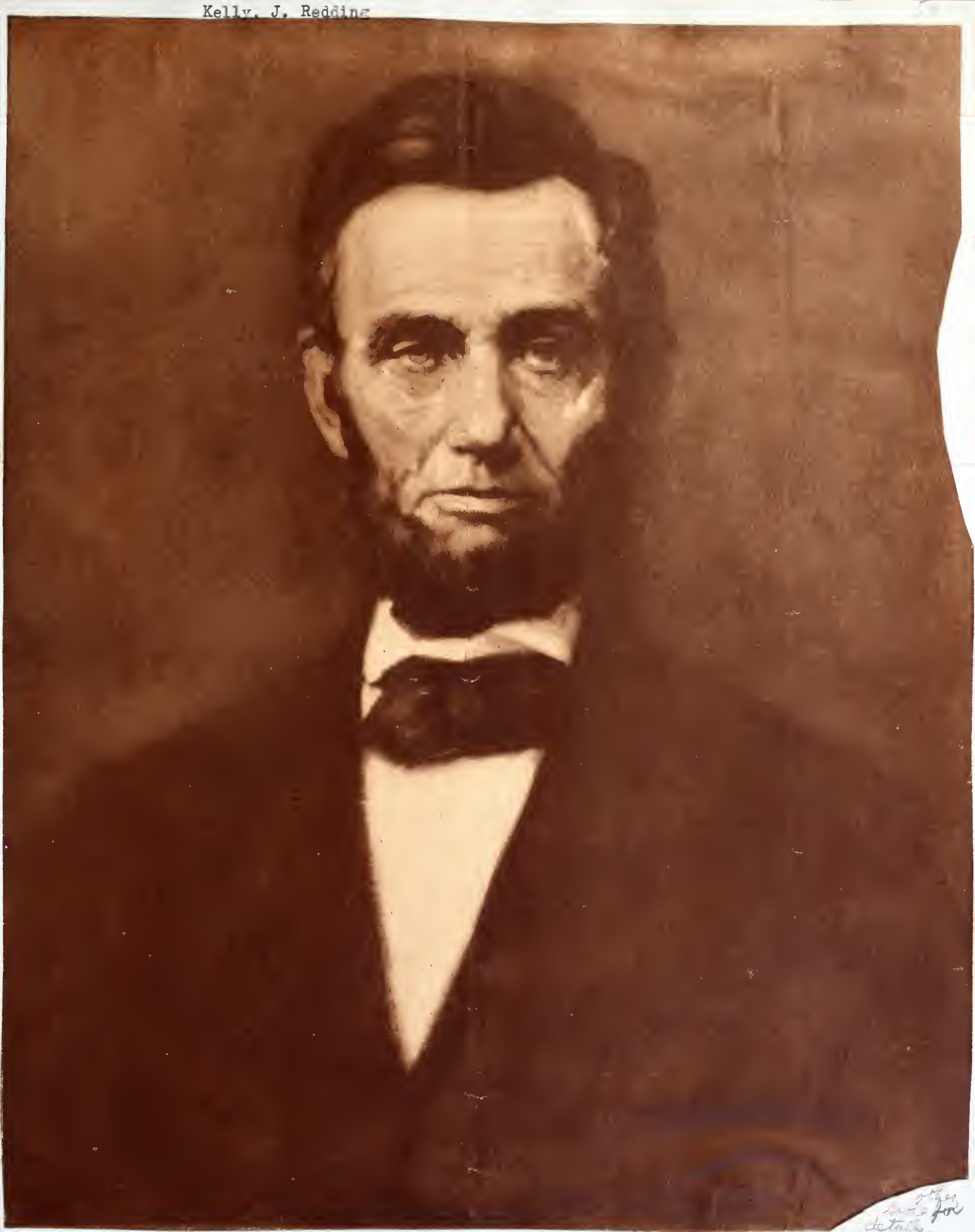
Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

J. Redding Kelly

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DESCRIBED AS THE BEST LIKENESS OF LINCOLN EVER PAINTED: PORTRAIT OF THE
MARTYRED PRESIDENT

by J. Redding Kelly, Associate Professor of Fine Arts at the College of the City of New York, to Be

Exhibited on Lincoln's Birthday at the Ferargil Galleries in New York.

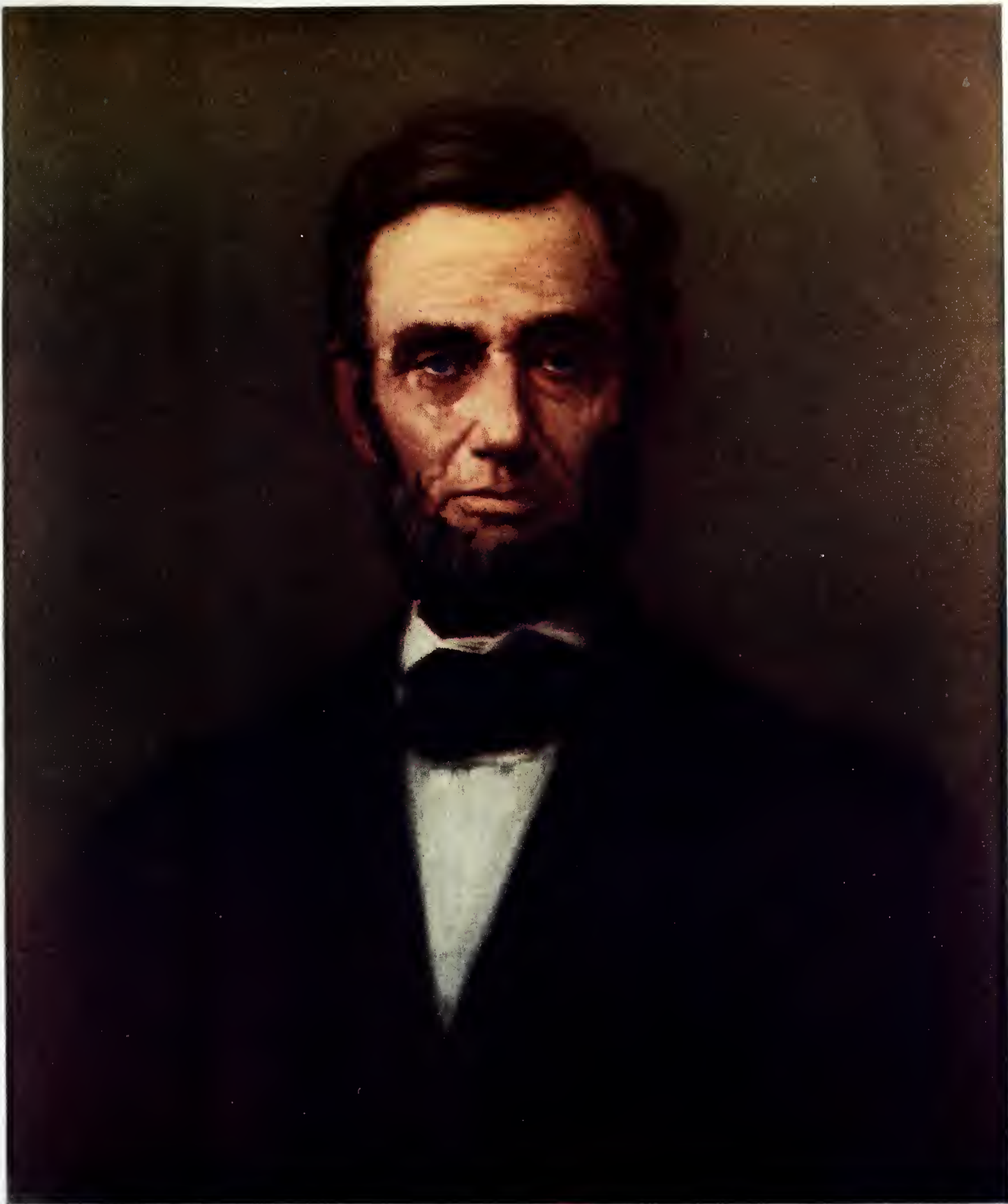
The Late David Homer Bates, One of Lincoln's Four Personal Wartime Telegraphers, Wrote the Following Letter to Mr. Kelly:

"Dr. Stark has given me the fine photo of your Abraham Lincoln, which I have examined with special interest and for which I thank you sincerely.

"Mrs. Bates and I attended his last reception in March, 1865, a month before he was shot. I saw him in the War Department telegraph office nearly every day for four years until that day April 14, 1865. Having inspected many of his pictures during the sixty-one intervening years I am free to say that yours is the best likeness I have ever seen.


"I am proud to own the copy and shall have it framed and hung opposite my Morris chair where I can see it every day."

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